

Letter from Lockwood Citizen to Students - May 2005

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The 7th grade extended studies did a fabulous community service project this year, 2004-2005. I have first hand experience how it helped on Lockwood Senior citizen couple!

When my folks, Mary and Jim Wempner, received a kit I was very proud of the students! How they had come up with the idea, planned the kits, organized and filled them, and then distributed them around the Lockwood area, was very impressive.

The kit was designed to help anyone left without electricity due to a severe storm. Well, my folks put this kit to good use in April 2005. Montana always has a good spring snow. My folks, out on our ranch in Lockwood, have been through many of these same snowstorms in April or even May, but this one was particularly bad!

They woke up the next morning to about 10 inches of snow! The ranch had 5 power lines down along the 1 mile of our private road. One of these lines had fallen across the road, making it impassable from one direction.

Mom and Dad, of course, had no electricity or phone, no connection with the outside world. So they got out their newly acquired 'emergency kit', wound up the portable radio to hear the news and weather channel, used the flashlight, had a few snacks and water, and waited for the electricity to come on, which surprisingly did happen later that day for them. Other residents of Lockwood had to wait two days. They particularly enjoyed the wind-up radio!

From a grateful daughter, thank you, thank you, thank you, 7th grade extended studies students for your thoughtful project helping our community's senior citizens.

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